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Estuary English

Termed "rivermouth" by Aristasians.

This is a speech pattern consisting of a middle-class English accent completely denatured by copious elements of lower-class dialect (mostly Cockney with Northern vowels thrown in) that is spoken by the former better classes in the British Isles, in whom has been instilled a deep fear and embarrassment in regard to the use of their natural dialect, Received (or "the Queen's" - although even their Queen no longer speaks it) English.

Rivermouth has spread downward to the real lower classes also, and is a vile dialect that no natural English speaker (that is, one un-mutated by the Eclipse) has ever used. Non-English people - even Americans - usually cannot hear this or understand why it is so unacceptable. That is quite all right: they don't need to.

It is perfectly all right for an Aristasian even to speak with a genuine Cockney or English Regional accent, though one should be aware that this will clearly mark one's Estate as lower-Magdala or Paccia. Again, this phenomenon does not exist outside the British Isles and the British Antipodes.

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